

## GOAL III



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ANTONIO MUNIZ HAD A NORMAL LIFE LIKE EVERYONE IN HIS NEIGHBORHOOD, THE LIFE OF PLAYING SOCCER. BUT IN A FEW YEARS HE WILL BE AMAZED WITH HOW FAR HIS SOCCER WILL TAKE HIM.



DURING HIS HIGH SCHOOL YEARS HE WAS FINALLY BEING DISCOVERED BY COLLEGE SCOUTS AND THEY WANTED HIM TO COME TO THEIR COLLEGES. BUT THE PROBLEM WAS HIS FAMILY WAS TOO POOR TO PAY FOR HIS COLLEGE. SO, ANTONIO KEPT PLAYING FOR HIS LOCAL CLUB



A FEW YEARS LATER ANTONIO WAS PLAYING IN THE CITY CHAMPIONSHIP FOR HIS CLUB. WHERE HE WAS FOUND BY A SCOUT FROM MANCHESTER UNITED IN ENGLAND. THE SCOUT TOLD ANTONIO HE WAS INTERESTED IN HIM AND OFFERED TO LET HIM HAVE A TRYOUT IF HE COULD PAY HIS WAY TO ENGLAND. ANTONIO BECAME VERY EXCITED AND TOLD HIS FAMILY BUT, HIS DAD WAS NOT AS ECSTATIC AS ANTONIO WAS, WHICH DISAPPOINTED ANTONIO.



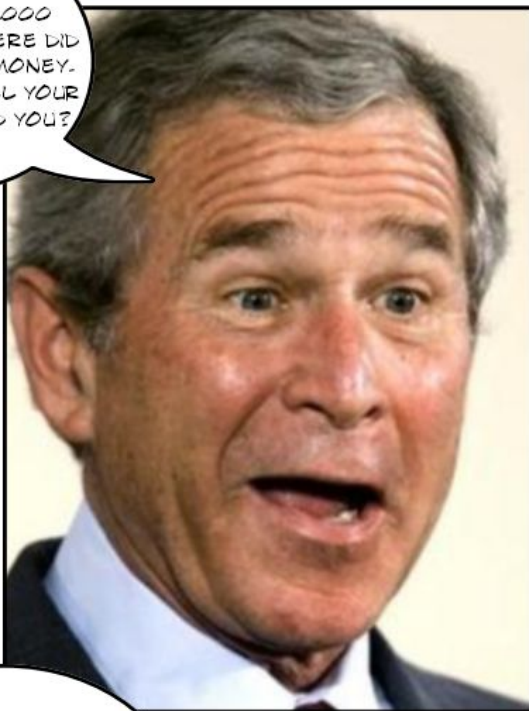
ANTONIO HAD BEEN SAVING MONEY FROM WORKING IN HIS DAD'S DOCTOR OFFICE AND HAD ABOUT 1000 DOLLARS SAVED. BUT HE WAS 600 DOLLARS SHORT AND WOULD HAVE TO WORK A LITTLE LONGER TO GET THE MONEY. BUT HE DIDN'T HAVE TO WORK AS LONG AS HE THOUGHT HE WAS GOING TO.





ANTONIO, I WANT TO GIVE YOU THIS MONEY TO GO TO ENGLAND AND TRY OUT FOR THE TEAM.

GRANDMA! 1000 DOLLARS! WHERE DID YOU GET THE MONEY. YOU DIDNT SELL YOUR NECKLACE DID YOU?



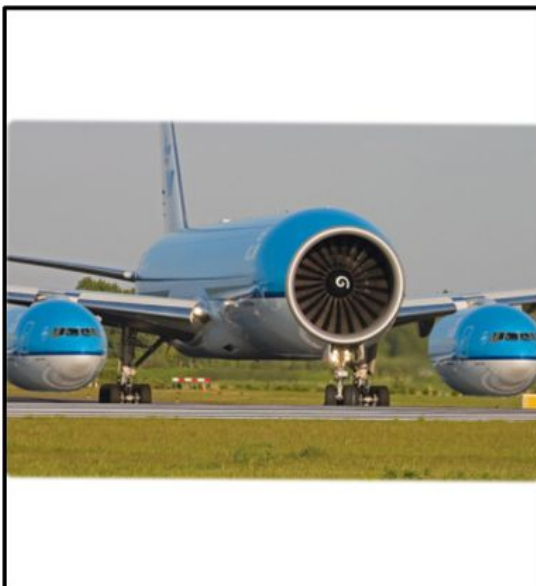
A FEW DAYS LATER ANTONIO WAS AT HOME ALONE WITH HIS GRANDMA AND AWAY FROM HIS DAD. ANTONIO WAS HAPPY BECAUSE HIS DAD WAS NOT THERE TO YELL AT HIM AND BEAT HIM. HIS GRANDMOTHER SAW THAT IT WAS A GOOD TIME TO GIVE HIM HIS GIFT.



YES ANTONIO I DID. IT IS FOR A GOOD CAUSE. I MAY GET TO SEE MY GRANDSON BE A PROFESSIONAL SOCCER PLAYER BECCAUSE OF THIS.



EVEN THOUGH ANTONIO DIDN'T THINK THIS WAS RIGHT HE TOOK THE MONEY BECAUSE HE KNEW THERE WAS NO CHANGING HIS GRANDMOTHER'S MIND. SO HE BOUGHT A PLANE TICKET FOR THE NEXT WEEK, AND CALLED AND SCHEDULED FOR THE SCOUT HE MET TO PICK HIM UP AT THE AIRPORT AND TO STAY WITH HIM WHILE HE WAS IN ENGLAND



THE NEXT WEEK ANTONIO CAUGHT HIS FLIGHT FROM PORTUGAL TO ENGLAND WITH HIS GRANDMOTHERS BLESSING WITHOUT TELLING HIS FATHER, HE LEFT.



HE MET THE SCOUT AT THE AIRPORT, AND SET OUT FOR THE TEAMS TRAINING GROUNDS WHERE ANTONIO HAD NO IDEA WHAT WAS IN STORE FOR HIM.



WHEN HE FIRST REACHED THE FIELDS AND STEPPED OUTSIDE ONTO THE FIELDS, HE REALIZED HOW COLD IT WAS IN ENGLAND, NOT TO MENTION THE SNOW. HIS FIRST DAY WAS AWFUL AND EVERY BALL HE TRIED TO CATCH WAS GOING THROUGH HIS HANDS TO EVERY BALL THAT WAS SHOT AT HIM HE HAD TO PARRY AWAY INSTEAD OF CATCHING.



GRANDMA! I MADE THE RESERVE TEAM AND GET TO STAY FOR A LOT LONGER

CONGRATULATIONS ANTONIO I KNEW YOU COULD DO IT

HE FINALLY GOT THE HANG OF THE ENGLISH WEATHER AND FIELD CONDITIONS AND ONLY AFTER TWO WEEKS HE MADE THE RESERVE TEAM.

